

Letter from Frederick P. Fish to Alexander Graham Bell, April 18, 1905

American Telephone and Telegraph Company. FREDERICK P. FISH, PRESIDENT.
EDWARD J. HALL, THOMAS SHERWIN, C. JAY FRENCH. VICE PRESIDENTS.
CHARLES EUSTIS HUBBARD, SECRETARY. WILLIAM R. DRIVER, TREASURER.
Boston, April 18, 1905. Professor A. Graham Bell, 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington,
D. C. My dear Professor Bell:

I enclose herewith the following papers:—

First. An assignment, marked in pencil “A”, of your one share of stock in The American Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. This is a duplicate of the paper which you say in your letter you have mislaid. I should like to have you sign this and return it to me.

Second. The cancelled certificate for one share in The American Bell Telephone Company, marked in pencil “B”, which you say you would like to keep as a memento.

Third. A certificate for two shares of the capital stock of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, which comes to you as part of the proceeds of the one share of The American Bell Company. This I have marked “C”.

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Fourth. A receipt for this certificate for two shares, which I have marked “D” in pencil. Please sign this and return it to me.

Fifth. A dividend order as a stockholder in the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, which I have marked in pencil “E”. Please sign this and return it.

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Sixth. Three checks, on the memorandum attached to which I have marked "F" in pencil; one of \$14., for the proceeds of your rights to the new stock of 1900; one of \$30., for the proceeds of your rights to the new stock of 1901; and one for \$75., for your dividends from July 16, 1900, to April 15, 1905, inclusive. These checks amount in all to \$119.

I regret to say that there was an error in our Accounting Department in their information to me as to the size of the check to which you were entitled for the transfer of this stock. I wrote you that the amount of cash would be \$194. It really is \$119.

I feel so much annoyed that there should have been this error in our Accounting Department that I enclose herewith my own check for the difference between \$119., to which you are really entitled, and the \$194., to which I told you you were entitled, and should be very glad to have you keep 3 that check by way of penalty for the error I made, through false information, in writing to you on the subject.

I thank you very much for your courtesy in this matter, and with warm regards, I remain,

Very truly yours, F. P. Fish, President.